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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, the Examiner is hereby respectfully advised that the references listed on the attached sheet have come to the attention of Applicants and are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants have identified the references on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto. Copies of the listed references are also enclosed.

It is Applicants' opinion that the claims presently on file patentably distinguish the present invention from the enclosed references. The listed references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which

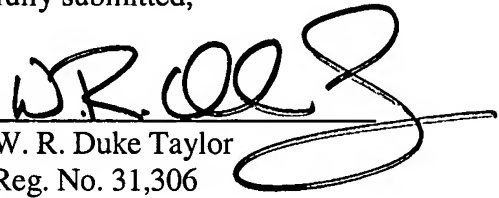
anticipates the invention or which would render the invention obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Applicants respectfully request that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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